THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) to (d) No maximum limit of number of children has been prescribed. At present there are 26 children in the North Avenue creche out of them 10 children avail of full day facility and 16 children half-day facility. The creche within the space available has 15 cots. Normally one cot is provided for each child for relaxation. However, in the event of all the children wanting to relax at the same time, two children from the same family are accommodated on the same cot.

There is no other creche run by the Grih Kalyan Kendra around North Avenue and since children are admitted in a particular creche according to the option of parents, the question of transferring the children to other creches does not arise.

Call by Tamil Nadu Cheif Minister to his followers to carry knives

2225. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the call given recently in Tamil Nadu by the Chief Minister of the State to his followers to carry knives;

(b) whether the Central Government have taken up with the Chief Minister the law and order problem such a move could create in the State; and

(c) what steps Government are taking at the national level to check injection of such violent elements into politics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Government is aware of the Press reports in this connection.

(b) and (c) Neither the State Government of Tamil Nadu nor the Chief Minister have officially confirmed this.

Settlement of claims by riot victims of November, 1984 in Delhi

2226. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many claims were filed by victims of riots of November, 1984;

(b) how many claims have been settled by Delhi Administration till date;

(c) what is the total amount disbursed, what is the highest amount given;

(d) how many claims are still pending before Delhi Administration for settlement; and

(e) whether a deadline has been fixed in the past for settlement of these claims, if so, the details thereof and also the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) 24000 claims of various nature for gratuitous relief were filed.

(b) 23965 claims.

(c) An amount of Rs. 7.25 crores in respect of all claims as gratuitous relief. Rs. 20,000 is the highest amount which has been paid in case of each death and Rs. 50,000 in case of insurance claims.

(d) 35.

(e) The dead line given to Delhi Administration for clearance of cases was 31 5-1986.

Train robberies

2227. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express of 26th June, 1986 under the caption "Rail passengers attacked/robbed", if so, the details of the incident;

(b) whether it is a fact that Station Master at Pune refused to register the complaint, if so, what action has been taken against him;

(c) whether any enquiry has since been conducted into the whole episode; if not, the reasons therefor, whether any case has been registered by Railway Protection Force in this regard; if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether anyone has been arrested by Railway Protection Force in this regard; and

(e) whether Government propose to attach permanent police post in Superfast/Fast/Express trains to save passengers and their property from dacoits and hooligans, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Demand for full Statehood from the Centrally administered areas

2228. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) which are the Centrally administered areas that have been demanding full Statehood; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the demand of the people of Arunachal Pradesh and Goa for full Statehood has been accepted in principle by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Suggestions for grant of Statehood have been received from various quarters from time to time in regard to Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Goa, Daman & Diu, Delhi and Pondicherry. Necessary Parliamentary laws for conferment of Statehood on Mizoram have been enacted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Memorandum of Settlement on Mizoram dated the 30th June, 1986 and will be brought into force from a date to be notified by the Central Government for the purpose.

(b) Suggestions for grant of Statehood to these Union Territories are being received from time to time. These are considered keeping in view the totality of circumstances and other relevant factors.

Recognition of Hindi Stenography for National Award

2229. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for recognition of Hindi Stenography for a national award;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

बिहार के स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों के पेंशन सम्बन्ध मामले

2230. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि स्वतंत्रता सैन नी पेंशन के लिए गत दो वर्षों के दौरान बिहार के कितने आवेदनकर्त्ताओं के आवेदनपत्र नामंजूर कर दिये गये और कितने पेंशनधारियों की पेंशन बिना किसी कारण के बंद, स्थगित अथवा रद्द कर दी गई ?

राज्य विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजद): वर्ष 19-84-85 के दौरान बिहार से स्वर्तत्रता सैनिनियों के कुल 18567 आवेदन पत्रों को अस्वीकृत किया गया था। सिवाए अपवाद स्वरूप परिस्थितियों के पेंशन रोकी-आस्थगित नही की जाती है। जब निलम्बन आवश्यक हो जाती है तो पेंशन प्राप्त करने वाले को असंगतियों का स्पष्टीकरण देने के लिए नोटिस दिया जाता है। इस समय निलम्बित किए गए मामलों के राज्यवार आकड़े उपलब्ध नहीं हैं।